

TOWN OF TEMPLETON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

March 21, 2016



NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
460 BALDWINVILLE ROAD, BALDWINVILLE

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WORCESTER, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Templeton in said County:

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the precincts of the Town of Templeton, County of Worcester, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Narragansett Regional Middle School, 460 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville, in said Templeton on

Monday, March 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1 DEBT AUTHORIZATION: USDA LOAN FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Water Enterprise Account a sum of money for the demolition and reconstruction of a new 500,000 gallon water storage tank on Johnson Avenue in East Templeton, and to authorize applying for a grant and loan from the United States Department of Agriculture, or take any other action relative thereto.

Summary:

The water storage tank on Johnson Avenue was constructed in 1950. The Massachusetts DEP requires that all municipal water tanks to be inspected every five years. The 2011 inspection revealed some rust and other structural problems. The Water Department consulted Tighe and Bond on the cost of re-painting the inside of the tank. The cost was estimated at \$550,000 for painting that would last for 15 years. The Department then decided that it would be cost effective to demolish the old tank and build a new water storage tank with a 20 year USDA loan. The new tank will have a useful life of 70-100 years.

Main Motion

Advisory

Requires a 2/3rds vote

Selectmen Vote:

Advisory Board Vote: Yes-2, No-2, Abstain-2

Advisory Board vote for a recommendation was split, no consensus.

ARTICLE 2 DEBT AUTHORIZATION: TEMPLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to amend the motion for Article 6 of the March 29, 2014 Special Town Meeting appropriating Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$500,000**) for the Schematic Design of the Feasibility Study for the Templeton Elementary School, changing the certain language in the motion from authorizing the Narragansett Regional School District to borrow to authorizing the Town to borrow to fund the appropriation. The motion will be changed from:

“To meet this appropriation the **Narragansett Regional School District**, with the approval of the Templeton Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority”;

to:

“To meet this appropriation **the Treasurer**, with the approval of the Templeton Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority”;

So that the amended entire motion shall now read as follows:+

That Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$500,000**) be hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying costs of the Feasibility Study/Schematic Design work ahead for the Templeton Center Elementary School, located at 17 South Road, in Templeton MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Templeton Elementary School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation **the Treasurer**, with the approval of the Templeton Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be

subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½), and that the amount borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA; or take any other action relative thereto.

Summary:

This article authorized the borrowing of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to pay costs of schematic design for the new Templeton Elementary School. The Town's bond counsel has recommended a change in the wording reflecting the fact that the Town through its Treasurer will borrow the money rather than the Narragansett Regional School District.

Main Motion:

I move the motion for Article 6 of the March 29, 2014 Special Town Meeting appropriating Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for the Schematic Design of the Feasibility Study for the Templeton Elementary School, is here by amended by changing the certain language in the motion from authorizing the Narragansett Regional School District to borrow to authorizing the Town to borrow to fund the appropriation, as follows:

“To meet this appropriation the **Narragansett Regional School District**, with the approval of the Templeton Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority”;

to:

“To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Templeton Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority”

So that the amended entire motion shall now read as follows:

That Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) be hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying costs of the Feasibility Study/Schematic Design work ahead for the Templeton Center Elementary School, located at 17 South Road, in Templeton MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Templeton Elementary School Building Committee. To meet this

appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Templeton Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 1/2), and that the amount borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

Requires a 2/3rds vote

Selectmen Vote:

Advisory Board Vote: Yes 4, No 2

Advisory Board recommends a Yes vote on Article 2

ARTICLE 3 FISCAL 2015 UNPAID BILLS

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, a sum of money to pay for unpaid bills from prior fiscal years; or take any other action relative thereto.

Summary:

This provides the means for the town to pay any unpaid bills from prior fiscal years.

Main motion:

I move that the Town appropriate Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (**\$899.95**) from the FY'16 tax levy and to pay a bill remaining from Fiscal 2015.

Requires a 9/10ths majority

Selectmen Vote:

Advisory Board Vote: Yes 6-0

Advisory Board recommends a Yes vote on Article 3

ARTICLE 4 FISCAL 2016 FINANCIAL TRANSFERS

To see if the town will vote to increase, decrease or otherwise adjust the various appropriations voted pursuant to Article 5 of the May 16, 2015 Annual Town Meeting (the Annual Operating Budget), and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute to carry out the foregoing; or to take any other action related thereto.

Main Motion:

I move to transfer funds within the Fiscal 2016 Annual Operating Budget as follows:

From	Acct. Name	Amount	To	Acct. Name	
1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	Town Administrator Salaries	\$990.00	1000-135-100-53-5300-0000	Town Accountant Software	\$990.
1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	Town Administrator Salaries	\$61.00	1000-175-100-54-5300-0000	Montachusett Regional Planning Assessment	\$61.00
1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	Town Administrator Salaries	\$12,949.00	1000-220-200-51-5117-0000	Fire/EMS Salaries	\$12,949.00
1000-424-400-52-5210-0000	Street Lights	\$19,478.00	1000-220-200-51-5117-0000	Fire/EMS Salaries	\$19,478.00
1000-630-600-51-5115-0000	Recreation Salaries	\$73.00	1000-220-200-51-5117-0000	Fire/EMS Salaries	\$73.00
1000-710-700-59-5910-0000	Debt	\$12,500.00	1000-220-200-51-5117-0000	Fire/EMS	\$12,500.00
1000-710-700-59-5910-0000	Debt	\$50,000	1000-543-500-57-5770-0000	Veterans Benefits	\$50,000
1000-710-700-59-5910-0000	Debt	\$25,000	1000-913-900-51-5171-0000	Unemployment	\$25,000

or take any other action related thereto.

Requires a majority vote

Summary:

These transfers are within the Fiscal 2016 budget. No new appropriation or tax increase will be required.

Selectmen Vote:

Advisory Board Vote: Yes 6-0

Advisory Board recommends a Yes vote on Article 4

**ARTICLE 5 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDING FOR COMMON BURIAL
GROUND TOMBS RESTORATION**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the expenditure by the Templeton Cemetery Department of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand (**\$128,000**) from the Community Preservation General

Budgeted Reserve for completion of the Common Burial Ground Tombs Restoration Project, provided that the Town receives an award of a Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission; or take any other action related thereto.

Summary:

This is the third phase in the Common Burial Ground Tombs restoration. These tombs were constructed around 1800. Nine have already been restored; this phase will restore the last six tombs. Funding for this project has been provided by the Community Preservation Committee and the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Main Motion:

I move that the Town approve an expenditure of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars **(\$128,000)** from the Community Preservation General Budgeted Reserve by the Templeton Cemetery and Parks department for completion of the Common Burial Ground Tombs Restoration Project, provided that the Town receives an award of a Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Selectmen Vote:

Advisory Board Vote: Yes 3, No 2, Abstain 1

Advisory Board recommends a Yes vote on Article 5

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Office Buildings at 4 Elm Street, Baldwinville, and at 160

Patriots Road, Templeton, and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

Given under our hands this 7th day of March in the year AD 2016.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John Columbus, Chairman

Diane Haley Brooks, Vice Chairman

Doug Morrison, Clerk

Kenn Robinson, Member

Julie Richard, Member

True Copy: ATTEST

Randy Brown

Constable of Templeton

OFFICER'S RETURN

WORCESTER, SS

March 8, 2016

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Office Buildings at 4 Elm Street, Baldwinville, and at 160 Patriots Road, Templeton, and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

Randy Brown

Constable of Templeton

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Carol A. Harris

Town Clerk of Templeton